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SUBJ: US/UK EFFORTS FOR RHODESIAN SOLUTION: SWEDEN

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1. ACCOMPANIED BY BRITISH AMBASSADOR JEFFREY PETERSEN, BRITISH EMBASSY CONSELOR WYATT AND POLCOUN, CHARGE CALLED ON MFA SECGEN LEIF LEIFLAND LATE TODAY, TO PRESENT TEXT OF BRITISH WHITE PAPER ON PROPOSALS FOR RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT (INCLUDING ANNEX C THEREOF) AND AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINING DESCRIPTION OF ZDF FROM BRITISH "SPEAKING POINTS" PAPER. WITH PRIOR AGREEMENT OF PETERSEN, CHARGE MADE POINTS LISTED PARAS 4-9 REF A AND CONCLUDED WITH AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT GOS WOULD SUPPORT US/UK EFFORTS FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN RHODESIA AND INDICATE A WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE AS DONOR IN ZDF.

2. IN RESPONSE, LEIFLAND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION CONTAINED IN DOCUMENTS PROVIDED AND IN CHARGE'S ORAL PRESENTATION. HE SAID FOREIGN MINISTER SODER WOULD BE APPRISED IMMEDIATELY OF JOINT DE MARCHE AND BRIEFED THOROUGHLY ON US/UK PROPOSALS. LEIFLAND SAID TIMING OF APPROACH WAS MOST APPROPRIATE AS
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SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEMS WOULD BE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE TIME AND ATTENTION AT NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN HELSINKI WHICH BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1.

3. LEIFLAND SAID GOS WOULD STUDY THE INFORMATION PROVIDED VERY CAREFULLY AND THAT, OF COURSE, HE COULD NOT COMMENT NOW ON DETAILS OF PROPOSALS. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOS

FAVOURED IN PRINCIPAL THE US/UK INITIATIVE. HE RECALLED THAT HE, FM SODER AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAD DISCUSSED BRIEFLY IN JUNE IN NEW YORK POSSIBLE SWEDISH PARTICIPATION IN A UN FORCE DURING A TRANSITION PERIOD IN RHODESIAN.

4. LEIFLAND MADE NO COMMENT ON POSSIBLE SWEDISH PARTICIPATION IN THE ZDF, OTHER THAN TO GIVE ASSURANCES THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED, PARTICULARLY ANNEX C, WOULD BE STUDIED MOST THOROUGHLY.

5. CHARGE INDICATED ANNEXES A AND B OF BRITISH WHITE PAPER WOULD BE PROVIDED GOS IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT. EMBASSY ASSUMES DEPARTMENT WILL BE FORWARDING THESE TEXTS ON OR SHORTLY AFTER SEPTEMBER 1.

6. COMMENT: AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, GOS ATTITUDE TOWARDS US/UK EFFORTS ON SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS AND ZDF WILL BE SENSITIVE TO REACTION TO THESE EFFORTS OF THE FRONT LINE STATES AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERSHIP. ANY INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THESE EFFORTS ARE BEING RECEIVED FAVOURABLY BY THESE KEY AFRICAN LEADERS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN SUBSEQUENT EMBASSY APPROACHES TO GOS.
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